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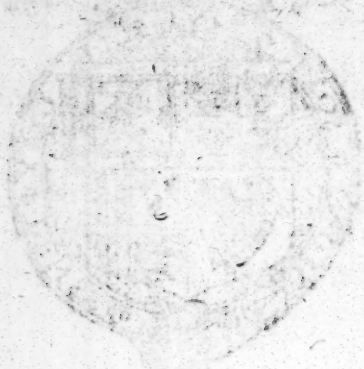

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Wee having long complained of the high affront done unto Us in Our own person, by Sir *Iohn Hotham*, when Wee went to our Town of *Hull*, to view Our Magazine and Armes, Our own proper goods, (if We shall bee allowed to call any thing Our owne) which then were there, and since by, and under colour of Orders made by both Our Houses of Parliament, not onely without, but against Our Consent, violently taken and carried from thence, and for that the Town it self being the principall Fort, and Port of these Northern parts of this Kingdome, in a Warlike manner, with many hundreds of Souldiers hath been kept and mayntained against Us as a Garrison, and Towne of War, as against an Enemy; And that by the practice of a Malignant party, which hath too great

an influence upon Our two Houſes of Parliament, in ſtead of repairing Our Honour for this Indignity, ſeverall Orders and Votes of the Major part, then preſent, have bin made to juſtifie all this as legall; which Orders and Votes would have Us, and others, to believe, upon the many Proteſtations in print, That there hath beene nothing done therein (as in many other things of that nature) but for the ſafety of Our perſon, the Honour of Our Crown, and the good of the Kingdom; as if words directly contrary to theſe Actions of Hoſtility could ſatisfie Us, or any reaſonable man, not blinded with ſelfe opinion, or abuſed and miſled by vain and falſe Surmiſes or groundleſſe Jealouſies; Wee have now looked ſomewhat more narrowly into the manner of ſir *Iohn Hothams* carriage in this his imployment, And did find by the certain Relation of others, That for the Fortifying of the place againſt Us, his Liege Lord, he hath uſed the help of Art in making Out-works to Defend the Town; he hath purpoſely cut the Banks, and let in the waters to drown the Land-paſſages, and to make the Town inacceſsible by that way; he hath ſet forth a pinnace (amongſt other good Services) to intercept a pinnace of Ours employed for carrying of Letters, Meſſages and paſſengers between Us and Our deereſt Conſort the Queen, Hee permitteth his Souldiers to iſſue out of the Town, and forage upon the Countrey; hee hath not onely Unlawfully, but Tyrannically caſt out divers Inhabitants of the Towne from their dwellings, becauſe hee could not confide in them; he hath diſarmed all the Townſmen, That he might put the ſole power in the Souldiery under his command; he doth compell ſome others of the Inhabitants, deſirous to depart the Town with their Families, to abide and continue there againſt their wils; and by drowning of the

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Lands about the Towne, in manner as aforesaid, hee hath destroyed the pastures, Meadows, and Cornlands within that compasse, containing some thousands of Acres of very fruitfull grounds, amounting to a great value, to the great impoverishing of the owners and occupiers thereof; And he hath, for divers moneths, continued in pay many hundreds of Souldiers, and endeavoureth, under pretence of authoritie from the two Houses of parliament, to increase their number from the Countie of *Lincolne* adjoyning, and from other places; and this at the publique charge of the Kingdome, and out of those moneys provided for the reliefe of the miseries of *Ireland*, and payment of the great debt to Our Kingdome of *Scotland*.

Whereupon, We being very sensible of this extreame dishonour to Us, That a Town of such importance, and so neere to the place of Our present Residence, should be thus fortified, kept, and maintained against Us, That the Port and Passage by Sea should be defended against Us by Our own Ships, under the conduct of the Earle of *Warwick*, who being legally discharged by Us of his employment at Sea, by Our Revocation of the Commission formerly granted by Us to the Earle of *Northumberland*, and by Our Command signified unto him under Our own hand, to deliver the command of Our Ships into the hands of another person named by Us, hath, notwithstanding Our said Commands (to which the Earle of *Northumberland* paid a dutifull obedience) presumed not only to dispossesse Us of Our said Navie, but to employ it against Us, and to take Prisoners such of Our Captaines as expressed a loyalty to Us according to their Oaths, and the duty of Subjects: And that a Ship of Ours lately imployed for Our particular service into *Holland*, and returning from thence with some of Our proper Goods, hath been chased by them as

an Enemie, and inforced, for her ſafetie, to put into a ſmall Creeke within ſix Miles of that Towne, and there to run on ground, to the great hazard of Our ſaid Veſſell; and that both our Ship and Goods there were yet remaining in danger to be ſurprized by Our own Subjects, Wee tooke a Journey on Wedneſday the ſixth of this Moneth from *York* towards the ſaid Creeke, to take a view of Our ſaid Ship and goods thus expoſed to danger; Wee having juſt cauſe to feare that Sir *John Hotham*, and others of his Confederacie, would (for Our good, and the good of the Kingdome) make prize of theſe alſo; and by the opportunitie of that journey, We Our Selves are now fully informed of the certaintie of thoſe things, which We had before received but from the relation of others; and there received a lamentable Petition of Our Subjects of thoſe parts, complaining of the unheard of Inſolence and Barbariſme of Sir *John Hotham*, and deſiring Our juſt and neceſſary protection of them from thoſe cruell Oppreſſions.

Upon all which conſiderations, that We may at length, after this long patience, doe that right to Our Honour, Our Crowne, and Royall Dignitie, and to Our good Subjects in generall, and thoſe of and neere to our Towne of *Hull* in particular, which We had reaſon to have expected from Our two Houſes of Parliament; but have failed of the fruit of Our long expectation, by the malice of ſome ill-affected ſpirits amongſt them, who ſtudie nothing more then by falſe pretences to amuſe and abuſe Our good people, We have taken this Reſolution, by Gods bleſſing, and the Aſſiſtance of Our good Subjects, to force Sir *John Hotham* and all that ſhall take part with him in the unjuſt and treaſonable defence of the Town of *Hull* againſt Us, to that obedience which is due by Subjects to their Liege Lord and Soveraign, and to reſiſt the Aſsiſtance intended

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to Sir *Iohn Hotham* from Our ſaid County of *Lincolne* and other places adjoyning, if they ſhall attempt it. And to this purpoſe We will and require all Our loving Subjects to yeeld their beſt aſsiſtance of what kind ſoever, to ſo neceſſary a defence of Our Perſon, and juſt vindication of ſo great an injury offered unto Us, to the diſhonour of this Nation. And We doe declare, That whoſoever ſhall give Us their cherefull helpe at this time, and to this purpoſe, either with Men, Horſe, Arms, or Money, to bee brought, ſent, or conveyed unto Us, We ſhall look upon it as a Service never to be forgotten.

And this We publiſh to all Our Subjects, and to all the World, that they may truly underſtand the cleering of Our Intentions herein, as We ſhall doe in all other things concerning Our Government; And that We doe and ever ſhall maintaine thoſe Reſolutions Wee have profeſſed ſo often, and ſo ſeriouſly by Our former Declarations; That Wee will continue and defend the true Proteſtant Religion as it is by Law eſtabliſhed in the Church of *England*, the Lawes of the Land, the Rights and juſt Liberties of Our Subjects, equally to and with Our own juſt Prerogative, and the true priviledges of Parliament, and never infringe any Act conſented to by Us this Parliament: And that Wee have not, nor ever had the leaſt thought of making War upon Our two Houſes of Parliament, as hath beene ſlanderouſly and maliciouſly publiſhed. And theſe things, not Our Words onely, but all Our Actions ſhall make good. And in this Reſolution and the Juſt Obſervations thereof We ſhall both live and dye.

Given at Our Court at Beverley *the eighth day of Iuly, in the eighteenth yeere of Our Reign.* 1642.

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